

REMARKS

This is in response to the November 16, 2005 Office Action. In that Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1. The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 14 as anticipated by Bourn (U.S. Patent No. 6,290,382). The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 12 and 13 as obvious over Bourn in combination with Sommers (U.S. Patent No. 6,796,698). The Examiner rejected claim 4 as obvious over Bourn in view of Sommers and Takase (U.S. Patent No. 5,276,600). The Examiner rejected claims 7, 9 and 10 as obvious over Bourn in view of Sommers and in view of Keplinger (U.S. Patent No. 5,345,531). Finally, the Examiner rejected claims 8 and 11 as obvious over Bourn in view of Keplinger in view of Prescott (U.S. Patent No. 4,964,692). The Examiner indicated that claims 15-28 were allowable.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the recognition of allowable subject matter.

In response to the Office Action, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-5 and 7 from this application. Applicant has added new independent claim 29 along with claim 30 depending therefrom. Further, applicant has amended claims 6, 8 and 12-14 to depend from new claim 29. Claims 6 and 8-30 are pending.

Claim 29 is believed allowable for several reasons. First, claim 29 includes a limitation requiring that a light emitting diode reflector assembly is attached to each of multiple collars facing the receiving end of the optic fiber. The Examiner indicated that this limitation was not present in the prior art. Further, claim 29 requires that there be *exactly* one optic fiber, whereas Bourn disclosed multiple light emitting diodes focused on a *bundle* of optic fibers. Claims 6, 8-14 and 30 are believed allowable due to their dependence on claim 29.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendment into the record. Consideration and allowance of the new and amended claims are respectfully requested. The

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Respectfully Submitted,

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